Directives to States for computer education

†362. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued the necessary directives to the States to enforce compulsory computer education in all the Government and private schools, colleges and universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government is taking various measures to facilitate the schools, colleges and universities in their efforts to impart computer education. As informed by the UGC, it has been providing financial assistance for setting up of Computer Centres and upgradation of existing Computer Centres in the eligible universities. The colleges declared fit to receive Central assistance under Sections 2(f) and 12-B of the UGC Act are also provided financial assistance to procure computer and popularise computer culture in the colleges. Similarly, under the revised Scheme of Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS), launched by the Government during 2001-02, grant-in-aid is provided to State Government/ Union Territories on the basis of Computer Education Plan (CEP) submitted by them. The grant-in-aid is provided on priority basis for the Government and Government aided schools, which have an elective subject.

Requirement of schools

†363. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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